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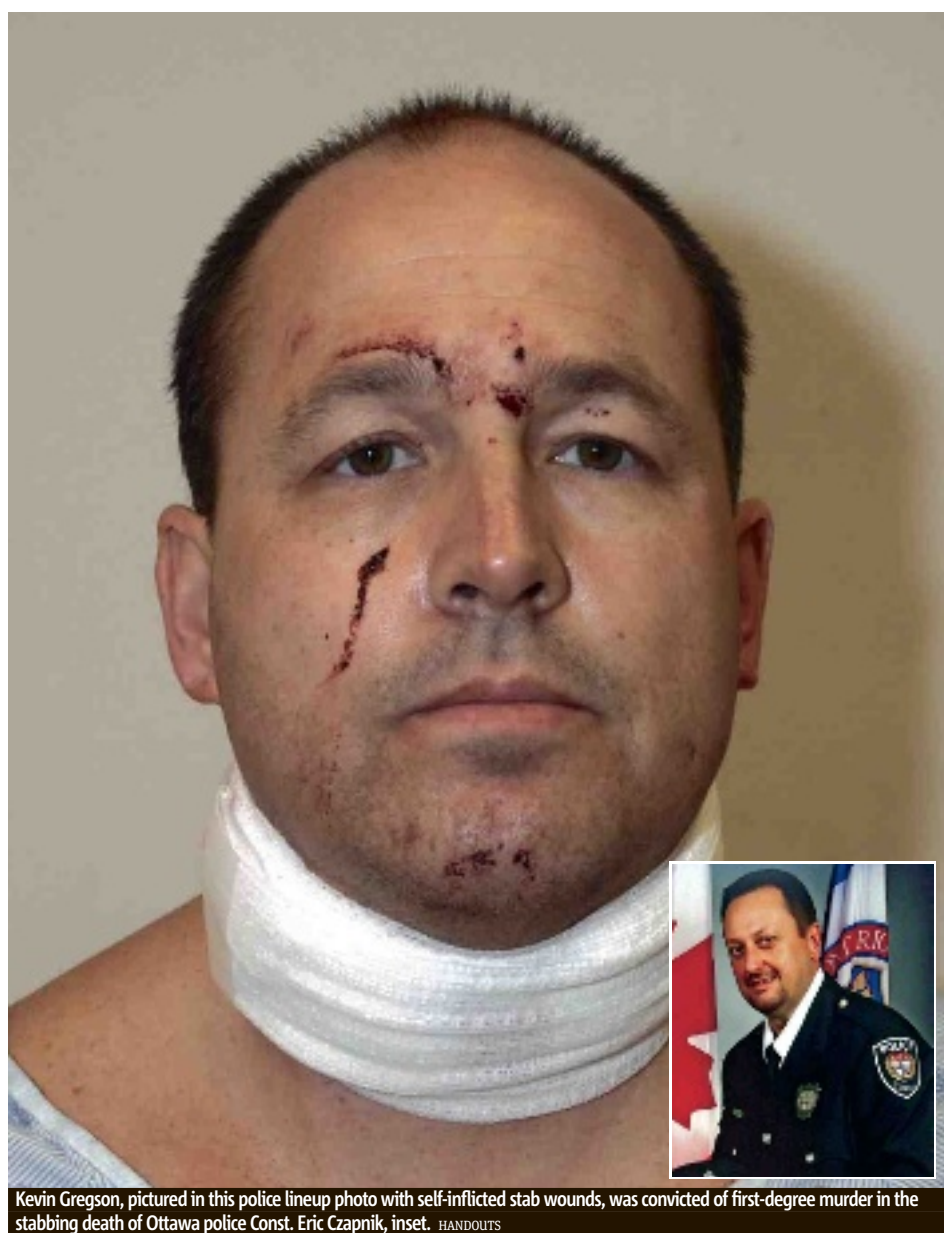
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Kevin Gregson, pictured in this police lineup photo with self-inflicted stab wounds, was convicted of first-degree murder in the stabbing death of Ottawa police Const. Eric Czapnik, inset. HANDOUTS

Ex-Mountie found guilty of murder

Next trial. Gregson faces sexual assault, sexual interference and possession of child pornography charges



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After more than nine hours of deliberation, a jury found Kevin Gregson guilty of first-degree murder in the death of Ottawa police Const. Eric Czapnik.

Gregson admitted to stab-

bing Czapnik in the ambulance bay of the Ottawa Hospital on Dec. 29, 2009.

The jury was asked to decide whether or not he possessed the intent necessary for first-degree murder or, if not, to convict him of manslaughter.

Gregson was the only defence witness and told the jury he only meant to steal a gun to kill himself and believed he could outwit and overpower an officer to get one.

Gregson said stabbing Czapnik was a reflex to the Ottawa police officer punching him in the face during a struggle that ensued after Gregson, brand-

dishing a replica gun, ordered Czapnik out of his car and to his knees. The Crown argued Gregson intended to kill a cop to create a "spectacle" that would embarrass the RCMP.

Both sides agreed Gregson was on a downward spiral. The RCMP had suspended him without pay, and hours before the lethal attack Gregson's ex-wife had accused him of raping a young girl.

Gregson denies the rape. He is scheduled to stand trial on charges of sexual assault, sexual interference and possession of child pornography in September.

McClintic sheds tears testifying

Jury hears graphic account of how eight-year-old Tori Stafford was abducted, raped and struck with a hammer PAGE 8

A mad party in Manhattan

Mad Men stomping grounds celebrates the hit TV series' return with packages, drinks and viewing parties PAGE 16

Taxi or limo for your kids?

Bylaw complaint may force a taxi company for children to change to a kids limousine service instead PAGE 3



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Pembroke woman, baby found dead in car



Andrea Damude and her eight-month old son Brock. FACEBOOK

Friends and family have identified a woman and baby whose bodies were discovered over the week-end in the trunk of a car north of Toronto as Andrea and her 8-month-old baby, Brock.

The pair were discovered by police after a resident reported an abandoned white sedan in a farmer's field, near Sunderland, on Saturday.

Postings on social media sites said Damude had left her home in Pembroke and was expected to visit friends in Orillia to celebrate her birthday, which was Friday.

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Music awards

New Juno-week acts announced

Over 80 new acts were announced Tuesday for JunoFest activities, including performances by Anvil, Azari + III, and Kardinal Offishall from March 30-31 in various Ottawa venues.

Carly Rae Jespen, deadmau5, Jilly Black, and Neverest were also added to the roster for the Juno Fan Fare on March 31 at the St. Laurent Centre.

LIGHTS and Arkells are to perform at Pandamonium at the Junos at the Ottawa Civic Centre March 28. Full details of the events are available at junoawards.ca.

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Fleurette Tharat, pictured here on Feb. 14, 2012, stands next to her Toyota RAV4 that she used to chauffeur kids around town for her taxi service. JOE LOFARO/METRO

Fleurette Kids Taxi may switch to limo service

Red tape. Children's taxi service faces costly name change to satisfy city bylaw requirements



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A taxi service for kids stymied by a bylaw complaint may get around the rules by becoming a kids limousine service.

The catch? Owner Fleurette Tharat will have to change the name of her business.

Tharat, an early-childhood educator, launched Fleurette Kids Taxi in late January and charged parents \$20 to \$40 to chauffeur their kids. The city started to investigate her in February after a bylaw complaint, which prompted Tharat to suspend her service.

On Tuesday, Tharat referred phone calls to her business consultant, Alexander Leslie, who said he met with bylaw Monday to discuss the possibility of running a limousine service instead.

Tharat is in the process of obtaining a limousine licence, Leslie said.

Cost of a new name

\$5,000

Leslie says changing the name will set Tharat back about \$5,000 — the cost of modifying her website, bank accounts, address, payroll systems, business cards and other materials.

He said Tharat meets almost all city bylaw requirements to operate a limo service, such as having power windows, air conditioning and a cellphone for passengers.

She can fulfil one remain-

ing requirement by tinting her windows, but the city threw one more hurdle up.

"They've asked her to take the word 'taxi' out of the name, (but) there's no place in the bylaw (saying) what the company has to be named," said Leslie.

"It just seems a bit unfair to go through all this to realize that, yes, it is safe, effective, and legal and she still has to rename her company."

Leslie said Fleurette is debating the city's request and in the meantime, the city will inspect her Toyota RAV4 next week.

Mobile news

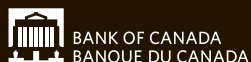


The boyfriend of a fatal car accident victim is using a series of heart-wrenching text messages to warn people not to text and drive. Scan the code for the story.

On the web

Breakin' it down to build 'em back up

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For the fans. Sci-fi actors, comic-book creators, DeLorean time machine coming to Ottawa's first large-scale comic convention



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Ottawa's first large-scale comic convention and Capt. Jean Luc Picard — a.k.a. Sir Patrick Stewart — will be coming to town in May, organizers announced to a room full of excited sci-fi fans and heavy breathing.

Ottawa Comiccon vice-president David Newman announced the comic-book and pop-culture convention at a press conference at the Mill Street Brew Pub Tuesday, flanked by people dressed as Star Wars characters, including Darth Vader, whose signature breathing was piped into the sound system.

Newman said the subcultures of comic conventions — comics, gaming and anime, to name a few — used to have niche audiences, but now it's all mainstream.

"Essentially, the phenomenon of the comic con has taken hold around the world," he said. "I think that's why it's time we bring the comic-con phenomenon to Ottawa."

The convention will feature Stewart and fellow actors John de Lancie (Star Trek's Q), Lou Ferrigno (The Incredible Hulk), Cassandra Peterson (Elvira, Mistress of the Dark) and Jeremy Bulloch (Star Wars' Boba Fett), as well as anime and



Ottawa Comiccon vice-president David Newman gets a little backup from Darth Vader as he announces the convention lineup. JESSICA SMITH/METRO

Details

- **Where.** CE Centre.
- **When.** Saturday, May 12, 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, May 13, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Tickets.** On sale at ottawacomicon.com.
- **Other major Canadian conventions:**
 1. Calgary Comic and Entertainment Expo
 2. Central Canada Comic Con in Winnipeg
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 5. Vancouver Comic Con

cosplay model Marie-Claude Bourbonnais.

A lineup of comic-book writers and illustrators will also be at the convention, including Neal Adams, Dale

Eaglesham, Darick Robertson, Richard Starkings, Marco Rudy, Ronn Sutton and Janet Hetherington.

The DeLorean time machine from Back to the Fu-

ture will be on hand as part of a Michael J. Fox Foundation fundraiser for Parkinson's research.

Fans are encouraged to come in costume, said Newman.

"The best part of the Ottawa Comiccon is it's just about fun, pure fun," he said. "There's no pretension, no exclusion; there are no hard edges. It's about enjoying yourself. You can be yourself. You can come to a place, dress how you want to dress, act the way you want to act, and everybody enjoys it and has a good time."



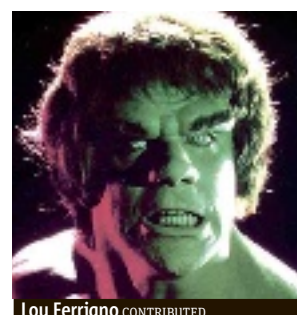
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Boba Fett watches as Tuesday's announcement is

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made. Fortunately there were no disintegrations. JESSICA SMITH/METRO

Nicaragua gets share of film-fest spotlight

The 16th edition of the Latin American Film Festival is just around the corner, and this year organizers are bringing a newcomer to the event

La Yuma, a film from Nicaragua, will be the first feature film from that country to be screened at the festival.

Tom McSorley, head of the Canadian Film Institute, said one of the goals of the festival is to show people films from countries that don't have as big a reach as the giants in Latin-American film.

"You have Brazil, which is a huge film industry, Argentina and Mexico. Then you have Nicaragua, where you have one (feature-length) film made in the last 20 years for all kinds of different reasons," said McSorley.

"We're able to showcase some of that, and I think it's important and very rare stuff



Tom McSorley METRO

that's being made."

At an announcement Tuesday, he also made note of four films that were directed by women, including Mexico's Visa to Paradise and Guatemala's Capsules.

The festival runs from March 22 to 31 at 395 Wel-

Partial schedule

- **March 22.** Departing Prometeo (Ecuador) at 7 p.m.
- **March 24.** The Wind Journeys (Colombia) at 7 p.m.
- **March 25.** La Yuma (Nicaragua) at 7 p.m.
- **March 29.** Capsules (Guatemala) at 7 p.m.
- **March 30.** Lula, the Son of Brazil (Brazil) at 7 p.m.
- For the full schedule, visit cfi-icf.ca.

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Rae comes clean on Liberal robocalls



Liberal interim Leader Bob Rae is urging the Tories to come clean on any robocall tactics used in the last election.

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Robocalls. Interim Liberal leader Bob Rae reveals party's phone scripts and makes public call for Harper's Tories to do the same

The Liberal party has given Elections Canada samples of its robocall messages and scripts for live calls to voters during last spring's election campaign.

Interim leader Bob Rae says in a letter to the agency that the party has recordings of all its campaign robocalls and will make them available if needed for the investigation into alleged vote-suppression tactics.

And he's calling on the Conservatives to be equally transparent.

Elections Canada is investigating thousands of complaints about fraudulent robocalls in which someone purporting to be calling on behalf of the agency misdirected voters to non-existent polling locations.

The watchdog is also looking into harassing live calls that were purportedly made on behalf of an opposition party but that appeared aimed at alienating that party's supporters.

Opposition parties accuse the Conservatives of masterminding a widespread, vote-suppression scheme since discovering that fraudulent robocalls in the hotly contested riding of Guelph had been

Robocall

"The complaints being made by Canadians are disturbing and unprecedented and must be resolved."

Interim Liberal Leader Bob Rae, in a letter to election commissioner William Corbett

traced to a company used by Tory candidates.

However, the Tories have fought back by accusing the Liberals of their own misdeeds, including a robocall in Guelph that attacked the Tory candidate's position on abortion without saying that the call was being made on behalf of Liberal incumbent Frank Valeriote.

Valeriote has said he's already come clean about that robocall with Elections Canada investigators.

In a letter to election commissioner William Corbett, Rae says election financial returns already filed by the party and its local candidates include all relevant financial information about live and automated phone services used during the campaign. He offers to supply more records if necessary.

In a veiled reference to the Tories, Rae adds: "We feel it would be irresponsible and tantamount to obstruction for any political party to be anything less than fully transparent and co-operative with your investigation."

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Education. London web developer campaigns to put HTML on curriculum

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A 25-year-old London web designer is leading a campaign to put “web languages” HTML, CSS and Javascript on the national curriculum, so that every child in Britain (“and then the world”) receives a compulsory education from the age of six.

“I want to teach the world to code,” Alasdair Blackwell told Metro. “It’s about empowering people to control their computers, instead of the other way round. Software underwrites almost



Alasdair Blackwell. CONTRIBUTED

everything we do and people need to understand it.”

His company, Decoded, already provides free training sessions to kids in London schools and hopes to greatly expand the program.

Italy. Mayor bans locals from dying after feud with neighbouring town

Since the start of the month it has been illegal to die in the town of Falciano del Massico.

The village is home to approximately 3,700 people, 50 kilometres from Naples in southern Italy.

Mayor Giulio Cesare Fava issued the tongue-in-cheek decree because the village has no cemetery and it is feuding with a nearby town that has one.

This is creating a logistical nightmare for residents and town officials about what to do with remains and how to respectfully dis-

Death

“Unfortunately, two elderly citizens disobeyed.”

Giulio Cesare Fava, the mayor of Falciano del Massico after an Italian town made it illegal to die

pose of the deceased.

The town’s mayor, however, told newspapers that villagers are content.

“The ordinance has brought happiness,” he was quoted Tuesday as saying.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Crime. Quebec will attempt to soften effects of Bill C-10

The debate isn’t over yet for the Conservative government’s criminal-justice legislation — at least not in Quebec.

The provincial government announced Tuesday that it would do everything in its power to limit the clout of the legislation that passed a day earlier.

Because the provinces are responsible for applying the laws passed in Ottawa, Quebec says it will work to soften Bill C-10 where possible.

The provincial minister said he will issue a directive to various players in the jus-

tice system to avoid applying the strictest provisions of the crime bill — particularly when it comes to youth offenders.

“It is not a plan to abolish C-10,” Jean-Marc Fournier said at a conference Tuesday.

Some provinces, including Quebec, also say Ottawa should be responsible for paying for the new jail spaces that will be required as a result of the legislation. Quebec pegs the costs at \$750 million for new prisons, and at up to \$80 million a year for application of the new rules.

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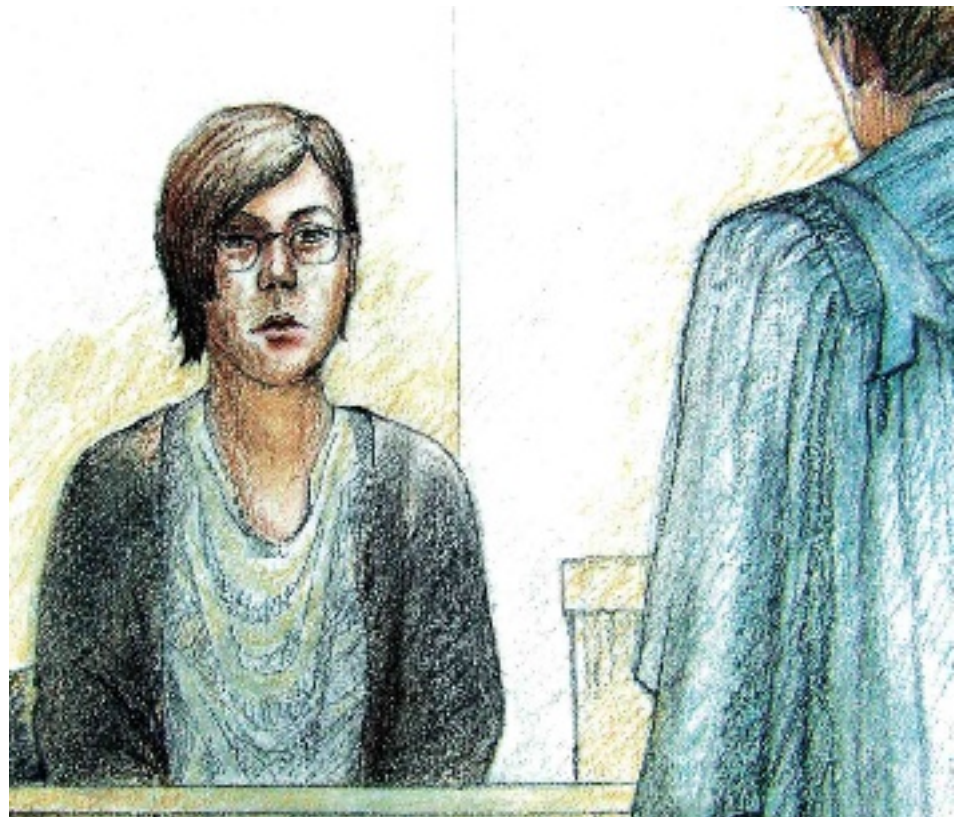
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Terri-Lynne McClintic testifies at the Michael Rafferty murder trial in London, Ont., on Tuesday. She said she was high on drugs when Rafferty urged her to kidnap a little girl. TAMMY HOV/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tearful McClintic: 'I believed he was going to rape Tori'

Caution: Graphic content. Jury hears eight-year-old was hit 'maybe three' times with a hammer in a farmer's field

Terri-Lynne McClintic has told a jury she's the one who delivered what the Crown alleges were the fatal blows to eight-year-old Victoria Stafford.

McClintic testified Tuesday at Michael Rafferty's first-degree murder trial in London, Ont., and detailed the events surrounding the abduction and death of the little girl.

The Grade 3 student went missing outside her Woodstock school on April 8, 2009, and the Crown alleges she died from multiple blows to her head with a hammer the same day.

McClintic told the jury she struck Tori with the hammer "maybe three" times in a farmer's field after a garbage bag was placed over the girl's head.

McClintic, at times wiping tears from her face and taking long pauses, told the court she saw Rafferty attempt to rape the girl before

that, but didn't "stay there and watch. I can't really give you play-by-play."

McClintic did note that when she took the girl to use the washroom in the field, after Tori had been alone with Rafferty, she noticed blood in the snow.

"I told her I was sorry. She told me just don't let him do it again," McClintic said.

Rafferty has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

McClintic pleaded guilty in April, 2010, to first-degree murder and is serving a life sentence.

She told the jury Tuesday Rafferty wanted a "young female, because the younger they were, the easier they were to manipulate."

She told the jury she lured Tori into Rafferty's car with the promise of seeing a

puppy. She said while driving on Highway 401 with Tori in the car Rafferty said: "We can't just keep her, but we can't take her back."

McClintic told the jury that when Rafferty said he intended to have sex with the girl she "didn't want to acknowledge that."

"I remember him telling me to look for a spot. I said 'A spot for what?' and he didn't answer me," she said.

Court also heard that Rafferty began masturbating as he pulled the car off a country road, and that once stopped in the field McClintic walked away because she "knew what was going to happen."

"I believed he was going to rape Tori," McClintic said.

The main and overflow courtrooms were filled to capacity for McClintic's testimony. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

That fateful first meeting

- **Pizza.** Terri-Lynne McClintic and Michael Rafferty met at a pizza shop in February 2009, went for a drive and had sex in his car, she testified.
- **Sex.** They had sex on three more occasions, including once at a movie theatre.
- **Crime.** McClintic had several convictions for assaults and was wanted by police for parole violation.
- **Passion.** "He was somebody I cared for," McClintic said.

U.K. media. Former Murdoch exec arrested in phone-hacking scandal

Former News International executive Rebekah Brooks and her racehorse trainer husband Charlie were arrested Tuesday in dawn raids that also netted four other suspects in the spreading phone hacking scandal.

Police said the six people were arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to pervert the course of justice. The charge is an indication that investigators may be focusing on a possible coverup of the scope of phone hacking rather than the illegal hacking itself.

It was the most arrests in a single day since "Operation Weeting" — as the police investigation into phone hacking is known — began arresting reporters, senior news executives, police officers and others suspected of criminal acts.

Police said the suspects ranged in age from 38 to 49 and that all but one were released on bail Tuesday evening after questioning. The Brooks are believed to be among those released on bail.

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Rebekah Brooks

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Police procedures

- In many of the earlier arrests, suspects had been asked to report to various police stations for questioning, but police seem to have abandoned such lenient tactics as the scope of wrongdoing has emerged.
- Deputy Assistant Commissioner Sue Akers testified last month that the practice of making arrests without warning is an attempt to "secure best evidence and prevent suspects conferring or disposing of evidence."



Mirror, mirror on the wall

A new 'magic mirror,' developed by Apache Solutions, allows shoppers to virtually try on clothes without the stress of long lineups or wasted hours at the mall. The mirror itself is a large 88-inch plasma screen that displays 3D catalogue images. METRO WORLD NEWS

Lawsuit. Public knew risks of smoking: Former Imperial spokesman

A retired tobacco spokesman told a historic civil trial Tuesday that his company was already under fire in the 1960s over the potential health risks of smoking.

Michel Descoteaux, who headed Imperial Tobacco's public-relations department for more than two decades, said there was no point trying to argue against a public and media that wanted to hear one thing: that smoking was bad for you.

Descoteaux was testifying at

the start of a landmark class-action suit, the biggest civil trial in Canadian history. It pits Quebec smokers against Canada's three biggest cigarette companies.

Descoteaux said the evidence the company actually had in the 1960s, gathered by company scientists and researchers, was that there was no link between smoking and public health.

But he said the general public and news media dismissed such reports back then and demanded that the company come clean. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Rallying against rights resolution

Government supporters hold a national flag during a rally on Tuesday in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The protesters were speaking out against an American-backed proposed UN Human Rights Council resolution on alleged human rights abuses during the country's civil war. GEMUNU AMARASINGHE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Economic outlook

Federal Reserve strikes hopeful note on U.S. economy

The Federal Reserve sketched a more upbeat view of the U.S. economy Tuesday after a burst of hiring since its last meeting in January. It took no further

steps to aid the recovery and repeated its plan to keep short-term interest rates near zero through 2014.

The Fed said unemployment should continue to decline gradually as the economy expands moderately. It also noted that consumer spending and business investment have picked up.

And the Fed took a more hopeful view of Europe's debt

crisis. Though the crisis still threatens the global economy, the danger has eased, the Fed said.

The policy-makers cautioned that rising oil and gas prices will raise inflation temporarily. But they said longer-term inflation should remain stable — repeating a view expressed by Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke earlier this month.

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President Obama warns China against 'skirting the rules'

Foreign affairs. Barack Obama cautious of China's stranglehold on global supply of 17 rare earth minerals

U.S. President Barack Obama warned China Tuesday that it would not be allowed to gain a competitive advantage in world trade by "skirting the rules."

Making an election-year pitch to American workers, and businesses as well, Obama announced Washington has brought a new trade case against Beijing.

The goal is to pressure China, a rising Asian economic power, to end its restrictions on exports of key materials used to manufacture hybrid car batteries, flat-screen televisions and other high tech-goods.

"If China would simply let the market work on its own, we'd have no objection," Obama said during remarks at the White House. "But their policies currently are preventing that from happening. And they go against the very rules that China agreed to follow."

The U.S., working in conjunction with the European Union and Japan, asked the World Trade Organization Tuesday to facilitate talks with China over its curtailment of exports of what's known as rare earth minerals.

Obama cast the fresh action against China as part of a broader push to level the playing field for U.S. companies.

"When it is necessary, I will take action if our workers and our businesses are being subjected to unfair practices," Obama said.

With the U.S. economy slowly recovering from recession, Obama has sought to bring a renewed focus on Chinese policies that could hinder U.S. expansion.

He used an executive order last month to create a new trade enforcement agency — the Interagency Trade Enforcement Center — to move aggressively against China and other nations.

Obama's posture on China has already surfaced as an election-year issue, with Republican front-runner Mitt Romney criticizing him for refusing so far to cite China for manipulating its currency.

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U.S. President Barack Obama stands with Commerce Secretary John Bryson, left, and U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk as he makes a statement regarding China and trade on Tuesday in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington. CHARLES DHARAPAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Imposed arbitration damaging: Air Canada union



Labour Minister Lisa Raitt delivers a statement in the foyer of the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Tuesday.

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The union representing mechanics, baggage handlers and other ground crew at Air Canada says the federal government's decision to impose arbitration on its talks with the airline is eroding labour rights.

"This will undermine free collective bargaining and poison labour relations across Canada," said Dave Ritchie, Canadian general vice-president of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

Citing a need to protect the economy, Labour Minister Lisa Raitt proposed

back-to-work legislation on Monday that would send the airline's disputes with the Air Canada Pilots Association and the machinists' union to binding arbitration.

Under the "final offer selection" arbitration process, the union and airline will both put forward their best offer and an arbitrator will pick one.

"Final offer selection does not allow the arbitrator to take into consideration any one item for which it would make sense to change on either side's behalf," Ritchie said.

"(Raitt) could have accomplished her objectives through the introduction of compulsory arbitration, which gives the arbitrator the latitude to forge a balanced agreement."

But the minister says the federal government is not tak-

ing sides in the dispute by initiating final offer arbitration.

"Who's to say that the arbitrator is not going to pick the union's point of view?" Raitt asked rhetorically at a news conference.

"They have fair ball at the table." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Employer survey

Firms: Q2 looks promising

Of 1,900 employers, 21 per cent said they plan to increase payrolls in the second quarter while five per cent anticipate cutbacks, according to the latest Manpower Employment Outlook Survey.

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StatsCan

Canada bests U.S. in productivity

The latest data from Statistics Canada suggests that after years of lagging far behind, especially in comparison with the U.S., the country may be on the verge of a productivity payoff.

Canada's productivity, defined as output per unit of

hour worked, outpaced the U.S. for the first time in five years in 2011, advancing 1.1 per cent in the fourth quarter above the corresponding period in 2010, as opposed to the 0.1 per cent gain south of the border.

Following a dip in the second quarter caused by disruptions following the earthquake in Japan, productivity in Canada steamed ahead at about 2.5 per cent annualized.

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Grounded

Discount airline misses payment

Discount airline Direct Air has abruptly shut down Monday afternoon after its apparent failure to pay a fuel bill. Direct Air, based in Myrtle Beach, S.C., says it will not fly again until May 15.

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Hello, fellow cat jugglers.

Of course, it just feels as if we're juggling cats. In reality, we're juggling meetings, unreasonable demands, inboxes, texts, tweets and PowerPoints.

Did I mention unreasonable demands?

And if you drop one, it feels just like an unhappy tomcat landing on your face.

Here's some good news: You've already survived the peak cat-juggling moment of the week, which, according to a 2011 British survey of 3,000 employees between 18 and 45 by Michael Page International, is Tuesday morning at 10 a.m.

It's all downhill from that point. From there, it's just kitten bouncing.

You might be surprised that it's not Monday, the traditional black cat that curls up in the cubicles of wage slaves. The survey reveals that people aren't really back to work Monday; they're easing themselves back into the saddle, catching up with colleagues about the weekend and ignoring emails and in-baskets.

The trouble is, none of that stuff goes away, and by Tuesday at 10 a.m. the cats start howling.

A good time to go for coffee. Or walk the dog.

Personally, I think Sunday, bloody Sunday, is the most stressful time of the week, particularly Sunday afternoon, which is when you start thinking about what it's going to be like on Tuesday morning. There you are, sharing a gelato with your honey on a fine Sunday afternoon, and it occurs to you that you better get that presentation done by Tuesday at 10 a.m., or the boss will feed you to the tigers.

For a lot of people, every day is a bad day. Three-quarters of the survey respondents are done by 11:16. Every day.

Considering there are still five hours and 45 minutes remaining in the average work day, we have a problem. If the survey is in any way a reflection of reality, three-quarters of us should just put on our coats and go home before noon, and leave the afternoon to those people who are actually working. They may not even notice as you go by, because those tabbies are tough to twirl by their tails and require a lot of attention and dexterity.

(And treats. Don't forget that, if all else fails, cats are easy to bribe with tuna snacks.)

Punch in, check out?
If you believe the survey, one in five should not even bother to turn up in the morning, because they're done by 9 a.m.

If you believe the survey, one in five should not even bother to turn up in the morning, because they're done by 9 a.m. Never mind hump day or TGIF, these people need extended beach therapy, which consists mainly of unregulated access to drinks with little umbrellas.

Plus, when was the last time you saw a cat on the beach?



A lesson from the sky



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25 Palestinians dead

Four-day rocket fire ends in truce

ASHDOD, ISRAEL. Some Israeli school girls take cover next to a bus during a rocket attack from the Gaza Strip, 38 kilometres south of Ashdod.

An Egyptian-brokered truce on Tuesday quelled cross-border fire between Israel and Palestinian militants, which left 25 dead in Gaza and three wounded in Israel.

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Violence ebbs

"Until last night, our house was shaking. The bombing has been terrible because it came out of nowhere. A total surprise, that's the worst part."

Yasmeen El Khoudary, 21, Gaza City-based blogger and activist

Arrow II interceptor

Israel repels 3 out of 4 rockets

DEFENCE. "This was a mini drill," for Iran, claimed one official after Israel managed to absorb some 75 per cent of Palestinian rocket fire over a four-day period, using its Iron Dome missile interceptor system.

The other Arrow II interceptor, so far proven only in trials, has a shoot-down rate of some 90 percent.

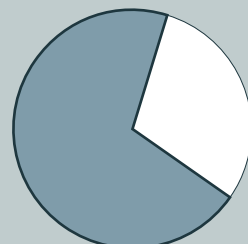
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Rooted and Undun

Q & A. Roots drummer Questlove on latest albums, Philly, Jay-Z, Jimmy Fallon and Amy Winehouse

The Roots aren't known for selling records. While the hip-hop band has released 14 albums — mostly to critical acclaim — only two have managed to crack gold status.

But even though bandleader Questlove might have enjoyed the money that comes along with multiplatinum records, he wouldn't trade the group's rarified position in the music world for it.

"Mostly for black artists, we're really not afforded — unless you're a jazz artist — you're really not afforded the luxury of making an art record, or a concept record, or a passion project," said Questlove, born Ahmir Thompson. "For some strange, odd reason, and I'm not ever going to argue it, The Roots have always (had that luxury)."

And The Roots, the house band for Late Night With Jimmy Fallon since 2009, have had support from high places to maintain that luxury. When Jay-Z was president of Def Jam, he signed The Roots to the label and told them to maintain their sound and integrity, even if it meant fewer sales.

"(Jay-Z) didn't want to be known as the bad guy that killed The Roots," Questlove said.

The Roots put out two CDs

On Amy Winehouse

"I really miss not having her here to school me on jazz... There's so much more I could have learned. She's a teacher."

Questlove



Questlove from The Roots poses for a portrait in New York. CARLO ALLEGRI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

last year with the Betty Wright-assisted Betty Wright: The Movie and Undun, which debuted at No. 17 on the Billboard charts. Both landed on several critics' best-of-the-year lists.

Jay-Z gave you guys some good advice.

I told Jay, "Like man, that would be nice to have all my records debut at No. 1 and stuff." But he's like, "Yeah, but you're just looking at that. I got to deal with beef with this cat and that cat. Every year some rapper's going to take a potshot and I got to take the gloves out the closet and start training." ... And (Jay-Z) sees me as an artist making my dream come true. Like, he wants to be seen as a true artist, not the richest guy in hip-hop. Meanwhile, I would like 13 zeros in my account.

Undun is about the death of fictional drug dealer Redford Stevens, but the story is told

from beginning to end. How did the concept come about?

We wanted to tell his story because we've known a billion Redford Stevens in Philadelphia. Philadelphia has been sort of mired and drenched into a lot of random acts of crime, very un-brotherly like in the last decade or so, and we wanted to show the direct result.

You recorded an album with Betty Wright at the same time. What was that like?

I figured I wanted to dedicate the rest of my existence (to) creating source material so that someone else can have something to sample in 2040 once this becomes a dated record. I'm just trying to create the soulful records that will still be used. And it's funny because Betty never understood why I wanted to put a drum break at the beginning, she just wanted to sing. I'm like, "No. No. No. Drum break. Trust me on this

one. You'll thank me 30 years from now when you get your publishing checks."

You were close to Amy Winehouse. What was your relationship like with her?

She's such a jazz snob. I couldn't stand it, but I was obsessed with it because once we exchanged information, she would always be on her computer sending me MP3s (like), "Listen to this." ... We spent a lot of time on Skype talking about crazy ideas and she schooled me about Sarah Vaughan. I schooled her about J Dilla. And she was like, "All right, we're going to start a super group. You, me, Mos (Def) and Raphael Saadiq." I was like, "OK." And she assigned homework: "All right, study this record." ... I really miss not having her here to school me on jazz; I thought I was a music snob, and I thought I had my doctorate in jazz, but no. There's so much more I could have learn-

ed. She's a teacher.

How has the band grown from being on the Jimmy Fallon show?

Being on the Jimmy Fallon show has introduced a word that has never been in our vocabulary. We've never, ever rehearsed as a band. We never practiced. Shockers, I know. ... So once we come to Fallon, we're now confined to a very tight space, and it's just the eight of us looking at each other, and it's very awkward. ... It's like we didn't know how to play. ... Once we got in a groove, we just practiced a lot. And now we're better musicians, we're better songwriters, we're better engineers, we're better producers. We're just more focused on our songwriting than ever. I wish we had this type of discipline and preparation at the beginning of our career. So I feel like now we're just on our second album.

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Changes in the Den

No more Mr. Nice dragon

Another dragon is leaving the Dragons' Den. BC-TV says tech mogul Robert Herjavec will not return to the business-minded series next season. Herjavec is one of the show's original five judges and was considered one of the nice assessors of wannabe titans. He's also the second judge to leave the show in as many years.

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Flying high: Channing Tatum stars in the new 21 Jump Street. HANDOUT

Making the jump from TV to the silver screen

Cult shows. From Star Trek to The X-Files to Saturday Night Live: small screen hits can often be big films at the box office



IN FOCUS
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When Jonah Hill's reboot of 21 Jump Street hits theatres this weekend, it joins a long list of big screen adaptations of small screen hits.

Everything from sci-fi shows like The X-Files to comedies like The Addams Family and

even reality and games shows (Jackass and The Gong Show) have made the leap from TV to theatres.

Hill describes the new 21 Jump Street as an "R-rated, insane, Bad-Boys-meets-John Hughes-type movie." I don't remember the TV show the movie is based on as being that edgy but if William Shatner's cop show T.J. Hooker can be turned into an adult-friendly flick called T.J. Hookers, I suppose anything is possible.

Probably the most spun-off TV franchise is Star Trek. Between the original show and the TV offshoots, 11 films have gone where no film series has gone before. The 2009 J.J. Abrams reboot with Chris Pine as James T. Kirk was a special effects extravaganza but the Wrath of Khan seems to tickle

Trekkies the most. Based on the 1967 episode Space Seed, it's believed to be the first time a movie was made as a sequel to a specific episode.

Ricardo Montalban took a break from Fantasy Island to take the role, but had one request: he was a gym devotee and wanted costumes that would show off his muscular chest.

The original pilot for the hip spy show The Man From U.N.C.L.E. was actually shot with a theatrical release in mind. Although the show would air in black-and-white on NBC, the pilot was shot in colour with some racier scenes added in. The tame version aired on television, while the sexier edit played in theatres as To Trap a Spy.

Finally, sketch comedy

shows have also been a fertile breeding ground for movies. Saturday Night Live has spawned a dozen films, giving us characters like Wayne and Garth and the Coneheads.

Years before SNL was even on television legendary comedy troupe Monty Python used cinema as a way to court a new worldwide audience for their TV show. And Now for Something Completely Different contains re-filmed skits from the first two seasons of their show, including the classic Nudge, Nudge, and Dead Parrot sketches.

The movie is best summed up in the words of Sergeant-Major (played by Graham Chapman). "Now, I would just like to point out that this film is displaying a distinct tendency to become silly."

Adam Scott is all smiles

Friends with Kids.

Actor says that the camaraderie in the world of comedy offers him 'a nice way to work'



DOROTHY ROBINSON
Metro World News in New York

It was a role in the comedy Step Brothers that gave dramatic actor Adam Scott his big break.

"It was a fluke, honestly," says the actor on landing his role as Will Ferrell's conceited biological brother in the 2008 comedy. "It was so fun and exciting; no day was ever the same," he remembers.

"That and [Starz comedy series] Party Down took me in a new direction. I never looked back."

Discovering his comedic acting chops was a happy accident for Scott, because once he discovered he could do comedy — and do it quite well — the chummy, creative L.A. comedy scene invited him into their fold.

"Before, I was chasing some brass ring that never really existed and trying to get guest spots and dramatic roles. It wasn't until I found the comedy scene that I started creating my own destiny," he says. (Scott currently stars in NBC's hit comedy Parks and Recreation).

"We take things from the ground up, and everyone is very inspired by each other. We like to help each other out with projects. It's a nice way to work."

A nice way — and also

Kids of his own

For Scott, who is also a father to two young children, Friends with Kids really rings true.

- "The film astutely observes things about the way you feel when you have a kid that I'd never seen in a movie before. I couldn't believe that she was able to harness [those feelings] not having kids of her own," he says of the film's writer, director and lead actress Jennifer Westfeldt.

a fruitful one, as it was his friends who helped him land his first big starring film role in the new indie dramedy Friends with Kids.

"Jen and Jon have been friends of mine for a long time, and they asked me to do it," says Scott (that would be the film's writer, director and lead actress, Jennifer Westfeldt and her boyfriend, Jon Hamm, who acts in the film as well as serves as an executive producer).

In the film, Scott stars as Jason, who, along with his best friend Julie (Westfeldt), sees how children wreck their friends' romantic relationships.

They decide to have a child together while keeping their relationship platonic.



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Spears looking at big payday for taking X Factor judge spot

Maybe Britney Spears won't be taking a spot at the X Factor judges' table after all, as the singer has reportedly balked at a \$10 million offer from Simon Cowell's singing competition after asking for \$20 million, according to Hollywood Life.

But negotiations aren't dead, as Spears reportedly would still be interested if the show could offer an "exit clause," allowing her to bow out after one season if she wanted. "Money is not an issue for the show. As of now, they are looking to pay her \$12 to \$15 million for the first season, with a drastic price hike for a second year based on ratings performance," a source says. "Simon Cowell wants at least a two-year commitment, and Britney wants an out clause if she doesn't want to continue after one year of service."



Bieber adding to his collection of religious tattoos

Justin Bieber has added another piece to his collection of religious body art, tattooing a pair of praying hands on his calf, according to Hollyscoop.

Bieber already has some religious tattoos.

He has Jesus' name in Hebrew running down his ribcage as well as a portrait of Jesus on the back of his leg.



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TV show

Man vs. Wild gets killed off by Discovery



THE WORD

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Bear Grylls has no qualms about drinking his own urine on national television — and this is the thanks he gets?

In shocking news, it was announced yesterday that the Discovery Channel fired the popular hunky outdoorsman from his show Man Vs. Wild, after the network was unable to get Grylls to participate in two unannounced projects he was contracted for, sources tell The Hollywood Reporter.

The British Grylls has been with the Discovery Channel since 2006 and in that time has become an international sensation, channeling the show's popularity into endorsement deals with Dockers and Degree deodorant, as well as numerous book deals, an iPhone app, his



own clothing line and a video game.

It's all very strange — of course he should honor his contract but it's hard to believe that the Discovery Channel would just so abruptly fire one of their most successful personalities.

Considering this guy has bitten off the head of a snake to eat for breakfast, you kind of have to wonder what was in that contract that he wouldn't do?

Piers Morgan not fond of Kate Moss and Madonna

Piers Morgan doesn't mince words when it comes to some of the women he doesn't care for, including Kate Moss and Madonna.

"If people actually knew what she was like, they would never, ever be interested in her again," he tells the Mirror of Moss, whom he says literally kicks him whenever they see each other at public functions.

"She's just a vile little creature."

As for Madonna, whom Morgan had banned from his CNN talk show, he says she is fake.

"She's a complete con artist and those arms are just terrifying," he says.

"It's like watching Conan the Barbarian. She's



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looking even more barbaric than ever at the moment, utterly grotesque."

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Corset factory a historic site

A Quebec City building where corsets were manufactured for almost a century has been added to Canada's official roster of national historic sites.

Known as La Fabrique, the four-storey red-brick building in the downtown Saint Roch district was the site of Dominion Corset from 1897 to 1988. The company was among the city's main employers and one of Canada's largest manufacturers of corsets and undergarments.

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From top, clockwise: P.J. Clarke's is name-dropped in *Mad Men*; P.J. Clarke's bartender Doug Quinn serves up cocktails; P.J. Clarke's is a bustling night spot. TINA FINEBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mad for Manhattan

New York. With the anticipation for the return of *Mad Men*, check out some of Don Draper's favourite haunts

Mad Men fans, it's time for a cocktail.

The return of the AMC show March 25 after a hiatus of a year and a half is cause for celebration, and there's no better place to raise your glass than in Manhattan at one of Don Draper's favourite haunts.

While many of the places name-dropped in *Mad Men* no longer exist — Lutece, the Stork Club, Toots Shor's — there are plenty that do, among them P.J. Clarke's, the Roosevelt Hotel and Sardi's. Some Manhattan bars, clubs and hotels are even offering packages, drinks or viewing parties to mark the show's return.

Of course, the series

is filmed in California, so what you see on TV are well-researched sets, not real Manhattan bars.

But *Mad Men* fans will not be disappointed by reality: many of the establishments that turn up on the show retain a classy, retro vibe in real life, and can offer a fun, sophisticated setting for drinks or a meal.

Judy Gelman and Peter Zheutlin, authors of *The Unofficial Mad Men Cookbook*, provide A Handy List of *Mad Men* Haunts in their book along with recipes from them.

"Some of these places just never go out of style, like the Grand Central Oyster Bar," said Zheutlin. "It's such a classic and bustling place."

Mad Men aficionados know the Oyster Bar at the landmark train terminal was not mentioned by name on the show, but it's believed to be the place where Don takes Roger Sterling for a martini-and-oyster lunch.

Party like *Mad Men*

To celebrate the return of *Mad Men* after a long 18 months, some Manhattan haunts are hosting parties for fans of the TV series.

- **Event.** The Pierre, a Taj Hotel, at 2 E. 61st St., which in *Mad Men* housed offices for the Sterling Cooper Draper Pryce firm, will host a party March 27 at its Two E Bar/Lounge in honour of

the new season. Fans are invited to dress up in their favourite *Mad Men* outfits and try cocktails like a creme de menthe grasshopper or a "bikini martini," a gin, schnapps and blue curacao drink created in honour of the character Joan Holloway. The \$14 cocktails will be offered Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., along with a no-cover jazz duo.

P.J. Clarke's, at Third Avenue and 55th Street, manages to appeal to a trendy 21st-century sensibility while channelling the classic cool that got the crowd from *Mad Men* ad agency Sterling Cooper drinking and doing the twist. P.J. Clarke's "was the site of many *Mad Men* parties," Gelman said.

"I think there might be more scenes set there" than any other bar or restaurant.

According to its real-life

bartender, Doug Quinn, P.J. Clarke's "was a joint often frequented by Madison Avenue advertising executives during the 1960s."

"Our bar and restaurant continues to be a destination for this crowd."

Quinn says he'd recommend a sidecar cocktail to any *Mad Men* fans dropping by — "one part sweet, one part sour and one part strong." For food, try a medium-rare bacon cheeseburger, once named "the

Cadillac of burgers" by singer Nat King Cole.

"It continues to be one of our most ordered menu items," Quinn said.

The Roosevelt Hotel, 45 E. 45th St. at Madison Avenue, where Don stayed after his wife Betty threw him out, is offering a *Mad Men* in the City package, starting at \$425 a night through June 30, so guests can "experience New York City as Don Draper would," according to Kevin Croke, the hotel's director of sales and marketing.

The package includes accommodations, '60s-era themed cocktails at the hotel's lobby-level Madison Club Lounge or its rooftop bar, called mad46. Guests also get a DVD of the show's fourth season, a copy of *The Unofficial Mad Men Cookbook*, and tickets to the Paley Center for Media at 25 W. 52nd St., where the hotel has reserved a screening booth for viewing ads from the era.

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Serving tea for the England of 2012

London. Afternoon tea has been a British tradition since 1865, and it's making a comeback — enjoy the extravagance



EMMA E. FORREST
Metro World News in London

Last week, The Queen took Kate Middleton, Duchess of Cambridge, and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, for high tea on their visit to London department store Fortnum and Mason, a tradition that dates back to 1865 when the Duchess of Bedford called for a selection of snacks halfway between lunch and supper.

But this eccentric and quintessentially British experience is not just enjoying a revival with Duchesses. Afternoon tea so neatly services Britain's new home-baking obsession, the vogue for exotic teas and the compul-

sion to find ever-more-exciting ways of celebrating baby showers and hen parties that tearooms through London are bursting at the seams. And there's plenty of hot competition for those famous hotels churning out costly teas in two-hour slots from morning until night.

At five-star deluxe Dukes, an award-winning boutique hotel gem tucked down a backstreet of the upmarket St James area, demand from their clients is such that head chef Nigel Mendham has created The Ultimate Afternoon Tea. Served up in a nook of the intimate salon of this country house in the city, or privately in the sumptuous green and pink Perrier-Jouët lounge, this mini banquet marries heirloom tomatoes to Iberico bellota, Royal Beluski Caviar to smoked salmon sandwiches, alba white truffle to Dry aged beef, gold leaf to macaroons and Tahitian vanilla to scones, and then to a flute of Perrier-Jouët Belle Epoque champagne for

Top or bottom?

- Clotted cream or jam first on your half scone? There are two schools of thought on this from the counties most famous for producing the thick cream. There's no right or wrong, just the Devon method, where the cream is spread first so it can soak into the scone, then followed by jam, and the Cornwall, where jam is spread before cream.

the princely sum of \$300 per head (dukeshotel.com).

At haven The Halkin a new chocolate-themed tea has been introduced, to celebrate the hotel's 20th anniversary. Conceived by award-winning chocolatier, William Curley, the 'Couture Chocolate Tea' adds Chocolate Financier with Passion fruit Curd, Orange and Chocolate Sacher, Sea Salt Caramel and Raspberry Tart to its selection of sweets (halkin.como.bz).



The Perrier-Jouët lounge at Dukes. HANDOUT

Classic afternoon teas

For fashionistas:
The Caramel Room
The Berkeley Hotel

This stylish and fun afternoon tea is inspired by the hottest catwalk trends — diners can expect biscuits, cakes and other sweet treats based on the current fashion season's looks. the-berkeley.co.uk



For people watching:
The Wolseley

Set in a former showroom for Wolseley cars, this grand café offers a refined afternoon tea. This is a place to see and be seen — it hums from breakfast service until closing time. thewolseley.com






For a classic experience:
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Where the stars go for sunshine

Anguilla. This tiny north Caribbean island is known for its jet-set crowd — but even for the budget conscious it can be accessible

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It's where Orlando Bloom and Miranda Kerr honeymooned. Where Derek Jeter, Chelsea Handler and Paul McCartney rang in the New Year. The destination that lures celebrities year after year is also one of the Caribbean's best-kept secrets: Anguilla; a tiny island in the north Caribbean. What makes this spot such an A-list magnet is the warmth and friendliness of the people, the secluded atmosphere and, most importantly, the beautiful beaches. For those without the celeb-

rity budget, there are simple ways to save and still feel like a star.

Thinkboutique

It's not all five-star resorts on the island. In fact, there are many affordable beach accommodations, including the Anacaona Boutique Hotel found on the gorgeous Meads Bay, with rooms starting at \$150 per night. Another gem is the charming Lloyd's Bed & Breakfast, the island's oldest hotel, which is just a short walk from the beach. All year-round rooms for two are \$145 per night.

Go off-peak

You'll pay through the roof between Christmas and New Year's. Instead, consider visiting between May and August, when nightly prices can be as low as 50 per cent off the high season rates. Love to golf? CuisinArt Resort & Spa is home to the island's first and only 18-hole



Anguilla's stunning beaches are a big draw. ATURKUS/FLICKR

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Take the ferry

If you don't have a private jet then don't even look into flying direct to Anguilla. Instead, fly into St. Maarten and take a 20-minute ferry like everyone else. While the public ferry is your cheapest option at \$15 one-way, a privately run charter is more convenient and drops you off right at the airport.

Star-worthy splurges

A visit to Anguilla isn't complete without some indulgence. Treat yourself like a royal with these not-to-be-missed splurges.

- **Sunset cocktails at the Viceroy Anguilla.** A celebrity hotspot, nosh on maki rolls and handcrafted mojitos while listening to the DJ spin chill-out tunes.
- **Dinner for two at Cap Juluca.** Enjoy a sumptuous blend of European and Caribbean flavours at the fine-dining restaurant Pimms where the fresh fish is to die for.
- **Spa treatments at CuisinArt Resort & Spa.** Watch any remaining tension disappear with a relaxing massage.



Paris Hilton and Doug Reinhardt (when they were an item) vacationed in Anguilla. GETTY IMAGES

Smoked salmon proves that fine dining doesn't have to be difficult

Risotto. This tasty Champagne Shiitake-Salmon dish is elegant enough to impress even the most picky of your dinner guests

Ingredients

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter
- 1 large onion, diced
- 140 g (5 oz) shiitake mushroom caps, thinly sliced
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) arborio rice
- 550 ml (2 1/4 cups) dry sparkling wine
- 750 ml (3 cups) chicken stock or broth, warmed to a simmer
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground cinnamon
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground black pepper
- 250 ml (1 cup) freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 125 g (4 oz) smoked salmon, cut into thin strips

At your next dinner party, take the fine dining route by easily whipping up a dinner that leaves your guests feeling like you've gone all out to prepare the perfect meal.

The trick? Making sure a bit of bubbly is involved at every step of the process — beginning to end.

This simple but richly decadent risotto studded with thinly sliced shiitake mushrooms and strips of smoked salmon will do it. A generous amount of sparkling wine added throughout the cooking process ensures the experience is sophisticated.

Don't like bubbles? You can always substitute a dry Riesling. Don't care for smoked salmon? Substitute small shrimp (and cook for an extra 3 to 5 minutes, or until just pink and firm).

Be sure to enjoy the remaining sparkling wine when you serve up this risotto.

1 In a skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Add onion and shiitakes; sauté for 4 minutes. Add rice and cook, stirring constantly, for

1 minute. Add 250 ml (1 cup) of the wine and cook, stirring constantly, until completely absorbed.

2 Add half of the chicken stock or broth, stir several times, then let simmer until liquid is nearly completely absorbed. Continue adding stock, 125 ml (1/2 cup) at a time and stirring constantly until absorbed between each addition.

3 When all of the stock has been added and absorbed, add another 250 ml (1 cup) of the sparkling wine. Stir until absorbed. The rice should be tender, but still just barely firm at the centre. Stir in cinnamon, salt and pepper. Add cheese and mix until melted and creamy. Adjust seasonings.

4 Remove the pan from heat. Stir in salmon and remaining sparkling wine to serve. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR, AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE VISIT, EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)**

Champagne Shiitake-Salmon Risotto



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drink of the Week

Passion-Politan

Bring the passion back to your relationship with the Passion-Politan. This romantic cocktail is just as visually pleasing as it is delicious.

1 Combine ingredients except champagne or sparkling wine in a cocktail shaker with ice. Shake and add sparkling wine, stir and strain into a martini glass. Float the rose petals on top of the cocktail.

- 1 oz SKYY Vodka
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- 0.75 oz rose syrup

(such as Monin)

- 0.5 oz lime juice
- Rosé champagne or rosé sparkling wine
- 1 rose petal

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Give guests the star treatment with Smoked Salmon Stars



This recipe makes 12 stars. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This fun appetizer is dazzling with its use of creamy cheese and a zip of lemon. It's a perfect match for great tasting smoked salmon.

Have one of your guests bring a bottle of Domaine Carneros rose sparkling wine to serve with these fancy appetizers. They work so well together.

To make the zest, use a sharp citrus stripper to peel long strips from a lemon. Make sure you get only the yellow peel, as the white pith underneath is bitter. If you do this in advance, cover the zest with a damp paper towel and plastic wrap so the lemon curls do not dry out before you use them.

1 Toast bread, then let it cool to room temperature by placing on a rack or leaving in the toaster. If you put the hot toast on a plate, it will steam underneath and become soggy.

2 Using a channel knife or vegetable peeler remove rind from lemon. Thinly slice if using vegetable peeler and set aside.

3 Spread 10 to 15 ml (2 to 3 tsp) of cheese over

each piece of toast. Top with salmon, trimming to fit, if necessary. Use a star cookie cutter to cut each slice into as many stars as possible. Garnish with lemon strips. Place caviar, if using, in centre of star.

4 Arrange on a platter and serve.

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Ingredients

- 6 slices of pumpernickel bread or thick sliced bread
- 1 pkg (146 g/5.2 oz) garlic and herb cheese (such as Boursin) at room temperature
- 125 g (4 oz) thinly sliced smoked salmon
- 1 lemon
- Black caviar (optional)

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Stay positive:

Plain and simple, it is always tough to go through the application and hiring process, so new job seekers should remain positive and optimistic, especially during job interviews. Employers are attracted to positive thinkers.

Be assertive in your job search:

Never stop networking! Utilize online resources

like Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn, and find ways to network in person as well. People forget to do this all the time and rely solely on the Internet, but personally reaching out to employers has a timeless effect.

Stay up to date on the latest technology:

Consider continuing education courses, online learning, etc. There are also so many free, online tools to keep your skills current. Do-

ing this shows an employer that you are not only resourceful, but that you are eager and ready to work.

Polish your soft skills:

Employers want someone with great communication skills who is able to work well with anyone.

Always check your ego at the door, and be willing and able to collaborate with others on the team. Job seekers often get so caught up on solely adver-

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A recent employer survey shows that one out of four companies are concerned about the technical aptitude

of job candidates, but there is even greater concern about their lack of business skills.

According to Closing The IT Skills Gap, a study that examines specific IT skills in enterprise programming languages and mainframe administration, along with business skills such as problem-solving and communications abilities, about 40 per cent of employers reported that their IT hires are not sufficiently prepared to perform

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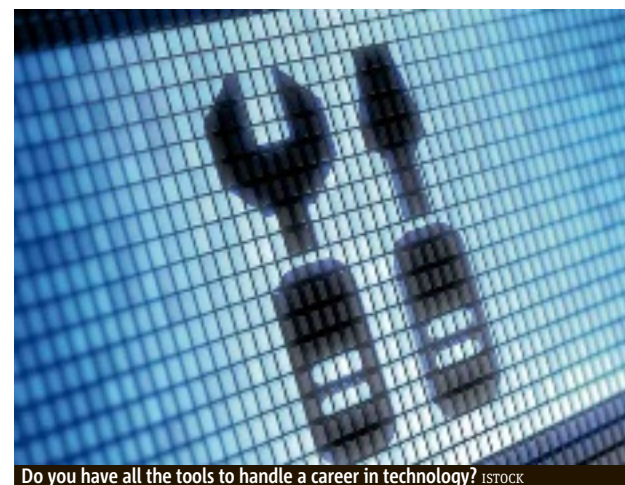
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jobs within their companies and there are notable gaps in skills.

The study, released by SHARE, was produced by Unisphere Research and sponsored by IBM.

Only 8 per cent of the nearly 400 employers surveyed would rate their IT hires as "well-trained, ready to go."

"About one-third of companies are seeking professionals and managers that can bridge the divides between IT departments and business leaders," reports the study's executive summary.



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Student Voice

I found the key to landing jobs in IT: Volunteer work

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In my experience, the only way to secure a job is by having related work experience and by nailing the interview.

Most jobs in the IT field nowadays require previous work experience, but you've got to start somewhere right? I found the answer in volunteering. I did not have hundreds of volunteer hours in school, but I made sure that the volunteering



Davis Wang PROVIDED

opportunities that I did pursue were relevant and useful to my future career. I held positions such as com-

puter literacy tutor, website designer and IT assistant.

These volunteer opportunities taught me not only technical skills, but more importantly, leadership skills and a knack for speaking in groups and to superiors. These soft skills proved highly useful during interviews.

Because I had a good combination of skills going into interviews, I wasn't as nervous as I'd be if I were unprepared. I also truly believed that I was qualified for the position, so I treated the interview as an opportunity to explain to the employer what I could bring to their company.

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I also think that employers are looking at performance potential just as much as they're looking at your current credentials. That's why it's important to demonstrate your eagerness to learn during the interview.

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Senators know Canadiens can still be dangerous

NHL. Gap in standings hasn't stopped Montreal from posting 2-1 record against Sens this season

The Ottawa Senators may be looking down at Montreal in the standings this season but beating the Canadiens has still proved difficult.

The Senators are 1-2 this season against Montreal going into games Wednesday at the Bell Centre and Friday at Scotiabank Place.

"They've played really well against us," said Senators coach Paul MacLean. "They've been difficult games so we expect the same thing."

Still the teams appear heading in opposite directions — Ottawa is 6-3-1 in its last 10 while Montreal was 3-6-1.

Going into Tuesday night's play, the Canadiens (27-32-11) were dead last in the Eastern Conference while the Senators (36-25-9) were seventh.

But Ottawa players aren't reading much into the numbers. And they know they will be playing in a hostile environment Wednesday.

"Their fans are all over us all the time and they have so much energy in the first period and always come out hard," said defenceman Jared Cowen. "In the past it's just been weather the storm. Usually if you get past the first period not down a couple of goals you're doing well and then you take it from there."

Cowen admits it can often be the same scenario when they play Montreal back at home.

"They usually have a lot of fans here too so it's like two road games for us."

The Senators also believe the Canadiens make for a dangerous opponent as teams who



Montreal's Tomas Plekanec and Erik Cole celebrate a goal against Ottawa on Dec. 27. PHILIP MACCALLUM/GETTY IMAGES

are out of the playoff picture tend to play with less pressure.

"Guys can just play how they really want to and can just relax," said Cowen. "I think it's important for us to be ready to go and on our toes. Sometimes those teams play a different game so I expect it will be a tough game."

The Senators were in the same situation last season when they sat near the bottom of the standings and it was dur-

ing those last few weeks that they played some of their best hockey.

The Canadiens are 2-0-1 in their last three games and the Senators definitely took note of Montreal's 4-1 win over Vancouver on the weekend.

"I think we definitely are weary of a team like that, maybe other teams may take them for granted, but we know how it is to be that team," said star forward Jason

Spezza. "You're proud people as athletes and you want to show people you're not going to quit and that's for sure what's going on in their room right now."

Ben Bishop will make his fourth straight start in goal for the Sens. Bishop is 2-0-1 with a .926 save percentage during that stretch.

The six-foot-seven Bishop has heard about the rivalry between the two teams and the

intensity from Montreal fans and is looking forward to the challenge.

"It's one of those places you always want to go and play a game," said Bishop. "I heard it's like playing in a soccer stadium where they're hooting and hollering the whole game so it should be a lot of fun. It takes you back to your college days when you're getting screamed at the whole game."

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Penguins. Crosby returning to team that's already red hot

Sidney Crosby is returning to new linemates and a new role with the NHL's hottest team.

But Pittsburgh Penguins coach Dan Bylsma still expects to see the Crosby of old despite his current 40-game layoff and the 102 games the star forward has missed over two seasons because of concussion-related issues.

Crosby, out since Dec. 5, announced Tuesday he will play Thursday night against the Rangers in New York. The Penguins, riding a nine-game winning streak, are four points behind New York in the race for the top-seed in

the Eastern Conference.

What already was a marquee game for the NHL just got even bigger. Much bigger.

"I think it's unrealistic that he's going to step into Madison Square Garden and be the only show on the ice," Bylsma said. "But I know how the guy plays. I know how fast he is going to go. I know what's going to happen when he has the puck with speed. You know how he's going to be able to play down low with the puck, and you expect to see that player step on the ice. That's a really good hockey player. That's the best hockey

player in the world."

Penguins centre Evgeni Malkin arguably has been that player with Crosby out, piling up a league-high 84 points. Now, Crosby is coming back at a key point in the season, with 14 games remaining for Pittsburgh and the playoff race still undecided.

"I know Geno is excited to be on the same ice with Sid again," Bylsma said of Malkin. "I still think it's a great challenge for our team. We're not a shoo-in to be a really good team when they all come back."

Crosby admittedly feels

better than he did when he returned nearly four months ago after missing the final 41 games of last season and the first 20 games this season. He dazzled the New York Islanders with a two-goal, four point night on Nov. 21, but he didn't have another goal in the other seven games he played before the concussion symptoms returned following a physical Dec. 5 game against Boston.

This time, general manager Ray Shero said, "He feels better than last time and knows what to expect this time."

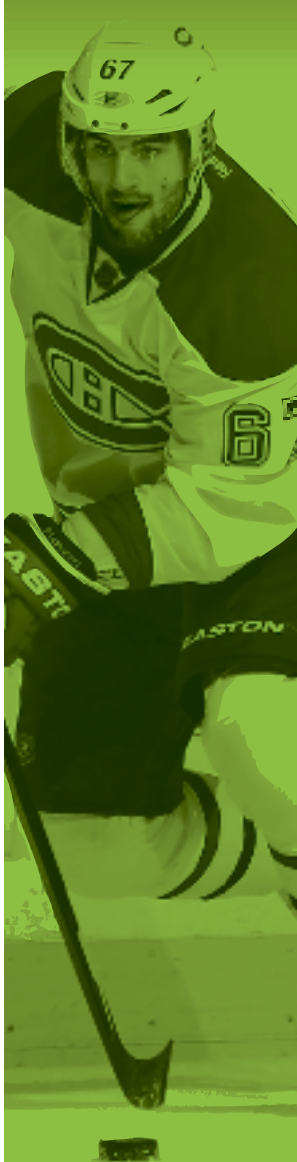
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Line dancing

For now, Penguins coach Dan Bylsma plans to keep intact his productive top two lines of Chris Kunitz-Evgeni Malkin-James Neal and Steve Sullivan-Jordan Staal-Pascal Dupuis.

- Still, Bylsma plans to put Sidney Crosby and Malkin together at times and also slot Crosby and Staal together, a unit previously unseen. The coach plans to limit Crosby to 14-15 minutes a game.

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SPORTS



Senators preview

Ottawa at Montreal
7:30 p.m.

(TSN, RDS)

The Senators (36-25-9) travel to Montreal (27-32-11). The Canadiens have points in their last three games, winning against Edmonton and Vancouver before losing 3-2 in overtime to Buffalo on Monday. David Desharnais missed Saturday's game against Vancouver, but returned and had a goal and an assist against the Sabres. Desharnais has 54 points this season. Max Pacioretty is on a six-game point streak, with five goals and six assists in that span.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-NY Rangers	68	43	18	2	5	188	148	93	23-7-0-2	20-11-2-3	5-3-1-1	W1
d-Boston	68	40	25	1	2	222	164	83	20-13-1-1	20-12-0-1	4-5-0-1	L2
d-Florida	68	32	23	5	8	166	191	77	17-9-1-7	15-14-4-1	5-3-0-2	W1
Pittsburgh	68	42	21	2	3	219	173	89	24-8-2-0	18-13-0-3	9-1-0-0	W9
Philadelphia	69	40	22	2	5	223	197	87	18-10-1-4	22-12-1-1	7-3-0-0	W1
New Jersey	70	40	25	2	3	195	182	85	19-12-0-3	21-13-2-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Ottawa	70	36	25	6	3	216	206	81	18-13-2-2	18-12-4-1	6-3-0-1	L1
Washington	69	35	28	3	3	184	193	76	23-10-1-2	12-18-2-1	6-3-1-0	W3
Buffalo	70	33	29	4	4	174	196	74	18-11-3-4	15-18-1-0	7-2-1-0	W2
Winnipeg	69	32	29	4	4	181	195	72	21-10-1-3	11-19-3-1	5-3-1-1	L2
Tampa Bay	68	31	30	4	3	191	233	69	20-11-1-1	11-19-3-2	5-4-1-0	L3
Toronto	69	30	31	4	4	200	212	68	16-13-3-3	14-18-1-1	1-7-1-1	L4
Carolina	69	26	28	9	6	181	207	67	17-13-1-5	9-15-1-1	4-2-2-2	L1
NY Islanders	69	28	31	7	3	159	201	66	15-15-5-0	13-16-3-2	3-5-2-0	L3
Montreal	70	27	32	3	8	185	196	65	12-15-2-6	15-17-1-2	3-6-1-0	L1

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d-Vancouver	69	42	19	1	7	215	172	92	20-9-0-4	22-10-1-2	4-4-1-1	L1
d-Dallas	69	38	26	1	4	185	183	81	20-12-0-3	18-14-1-1	9-0-0-1	W5
Detroit	69	44	22	1	2	217	162	91	28-4-1-1	16-18-0-1	4-5-0-1	L1
Nashville	69	41	21	3	4	200	179	89	23-8-2-3	18-13-1-1	7-2-0-1	W3
Chicago	70	37	25	4	4	209	206	82	23-7-1-4	14-18-3-0	5-4-0-1	L1
Phoenix	70	34	25	3	8	182	178	79	18-12-2-4	16-13-1-4	4-4-0-2	L1
Colorado	71	37	30	3	1	186	189	78	21-15-0-1	16-15-3-0	7-3-0-0	W2
San Jose	68	34	25	4	5	187	175	77	19-11-2-1	15-14-2-4	3-5-0-2	W1
Calgary	69	32	25	5	7	173	191	76	18-9-1-4	14-15-4-3	4-2-1-3	W3
Los Angeles	69	32	25	5	7	154	152	76	17-13-0-4	15-12-5-3	5-4-0-1	W1
Anaheim	70	29	30	5	6	173	196	69	18-14-2-0	11-16-3-6	4-5-1-0	L3
Minnesota	69	29	30	2	8	150	193	68	15-13-1-3	14-17-1-5	3-6-0-1	L1
Edmonton	69	26	36	3	4	182	209	59	16-15-2-2	10-21-1-2	3-6-1-0	L3
Columbus	69	22	40	2	5	161	223	51	13-20-1-2	9-20-1-3	5-5-0-0	L2

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results

Philadelphia 3 New Jersey 0

Washington at N.Y. Islanders

Boston at Tampa Bay

Toronto at Florida

Carolina at N.Y. Rangers

Dallas at Minnesota

St. Louis at Chicago

San Jose at Calgary

Detroit at Los Angeles

Monday's results

San Jose 3 Edmonton 2

Colorado 3 Anaheim 2 (OT)

Nashville 5 Phoenix 4 (SO)

Buffalo 3 Montreal 2 (OT)

Tonight's games

All times Eastern

Colorado at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.

Ottawa at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.

Dallas at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.

Columbus at Edmonton, 10 p.m.

Phoenix at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Detroit at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

Colorado at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

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Friday's games

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Los Angeles at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

MONDAY

SHARKS 3, OILERS 2

First Period

1. San Jose, Mitchell 8 (Wingels, Vlasic) 1:07

2. Edmonton, Whitney 3 (Schultz, Belanger) 19:11

Penalties — Winnik SJ (slashing) 18:37, Petry Edm (slashing) 18:37.

Second Period

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Last night's games not included

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	W	L	T	Pt	GF	GA
Houston	1	0	0	3	1	0
Kansas City	1	0	0	3	1	0
Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toronto	0	0	0	0	0	0
New York	0	1	0	0	1	2
D.C. United	0	1	0	0	1	1
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Tossing a Dart into the fray



ALL PHOTOS WHEELBASE

2013 Dodge Dart

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact sedan.
- **Engines (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC I4 (160); 1.4-litre SOHC I4, turbocharged (160); 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (184).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy): 6.4/4.9 (2.0, est.).
- **Base Price:** \$17,500 (est.).

Decked out

The side profile doesn't have the sculpture of a car like the Hyundai Elantra, which might endear the Dart to no-frills buyers.

However, the Dart can be decked out with leather, dual-zone climate control and navigation.

The R/T gets its own five-spoke wheels.

Interior

The cabin design is a standout, with futuristic-looking gauges, equally non-traditional control-panel displays and unique storage area beneath the front passenger seat-cushion.

Of note is the customizable screen that sits between the tachometer and fuel gauge.



Engines

The base engine is a 160-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder that's standard in the SE, SXT, Rallye and Limited. All four trims can be upgraded to the 1.4-litre turbocharged four-cylinder that's rated at the same 160 horses. Exclusive to the sporty R/T is a non-turbo 184-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder.

Review. Chrysler re-enters the compact sedan battlefield

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

You can thank Giulietta for the soon-to-arrive 2013 Dodge Dart.

No, Giulietta isn't an automotive design studio, corporate executive or even a flavour of ice cream. It's an Alfa Romeo automobile that's the basis for a brand-new four-door compact sedan that wears the reconstituted Dodge Dart badge.

The fact that both Chrysler/Dodge and Alfa Romeo are controlled by the vast Italy-based Fiat automotive group has everything to do with the new Dart's creation. Although the Dart and Giulietta share the same basic platform, the Dodge version is enlarged, gets its own sheetmetal (Giulietta is hatchback, after all) and interior.

The engine selection is

straight from Fiat. The Dart is also being built at a Chrysler assembly plant in Illinois with mid-2012 slated for the official coming-out party.

Despite its Italian origins, the Dart looks like a full-fledged member of the Dodge family as the signature crosshair grille is framed by a mouth-agape grille.

The Dart's bold statement will be important since Chrysler hasn't had a compact sedan in play since the Neon back in 2005. Meanwhile, virtually every mainstream automaker has continued to offer trunk-lidded compacts, earning plenty of currency — both in dollars and brand awareness — in the process.

That might explain why the Dart moniker has been returned from the 1960s and '70s, when it was applied to a series of two- and four-door compact models.

The Dart name will probably resonate with older customers — who will either love or hate the idea of bringing it back — although many younger car buyers will likely miss the connection completely.



The black grille surround is exclusive to the R/T model. This is the elegant Limited trim with the optional 1.4-litre turbocharged engine out of the Fiat 500 Abarth.



The otherwise clean interior might be a bit overdone with the glowing dash piping. The gauge layout is innovative, though.

By comparison



1 Chevrolet Cruze
Base price: \$17,000



2 Hyundai Elantra
Base price: \$17,500



3 Toyota Corolla
Base price: \$17,000

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Top Gear

A sobering thought

We all know that drinking and driving is a major no-no and should never be attempted under any circumstance. To ensure you, your friends and/or family members are well below the legal limit before getting behind the wheel, get the Safedrive deluxe Personal Alcohol Detector. This handy breathalyzer is portable enough to keep in your pocket or purse. It uses gas-sensor technology to estimate percentage of alcohol in the blood, by volume, up to 0.12 (well over the limit in most jurisdictions). Once a breath sample has been collected from blowing into an attached mouth vent, a reading is then displayed. After each use, the unit recalibrates itself, which eliminates the problem of false readings. The Breathalyzer retails for about \$25 US and can be purchased from alcohol-test.net.

On the Web



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Turbocharged Fiat 500 Abarth is deliziosa

Autopilot



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The first time a Fiat 500 got the Abarth treatment was back in 1958. At that time, Abarth was an independent tuning company, and not part of Fiat as it is now, and Gina Lollobrigida was hard to ignore on the silver screen.

Back then Abarth took Fiat's just-introduced, rear-engined mini-car, and recreated it as the Abarth 595 by raising the compression ratio on the 479 cc engine, fitting a Weber carburetor, optimizing fuel and intake systems, and adding a full Abarth exhaust system.

This doubled horsepower from 13 to 26!

The Abarth 595 evolved into Abarth 695, and the spunky, little Fiats went on to claim 900 individual race victories by 1965.

Fiat's newest take on the "small but wicked" theme is the new 2012 Fiat 500 Abarth. Its turbocharged, 1.4-litre "MultiAir" engine is not quite double the output of Fiat 500's base engine (101 hp/98 lb-ft of torque), but a pretty decent upgrade. How about 160 horses and 170 torques?

Of course, the over-achieving Fiat has more than just power to offer. The car has been lowered, big-wheeled, big-braked, stiffened and out-fitted with quicker steering and better suspension. It also belts out a gnarly wail, via its Abarth-tuned dual-exhaust system.

The highlight of the inter-

The short list



Snooki. GETTY IMAGES

Small, Powerful, Italian

- Snooki
- Fiat 500 Abarth
- Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi
- Vespa GTS 300 Scooter
- Italian Espresso
- Formica Atomica (a.k.a. pro soccer player Sebastian Giovinco)
- Gucci Handbag

ior makeover is the leather, flat-bottom steering wheel — one of the nicest I've ever fondled.

At the car's recent press launch in Nevada, Fiat had no qualms about letting journalists thrash them about the Spring Mountain Racing Facility. The Abarth took to the track like a C-list celebrity to a reality TV series, and it wasn't nearly as temperamental. In fact, it's a very forgiving, and easy, car to drive quickly, making it ideal for anyone contemplating a first-ever track-day car, which you could also use every day



The Fiat 500 Abarth of today. CONTRIBUTED

as a cool, fuel-efficient street-car. Prices start at \$23,995, and each one comes standard with a track-day experience.

The Fiat 500 has been optimized as a space-efficient city car. Translation: its bulbous body, 64/36 front/rear weight distribution, and front-wheel drive, are not optimized for racy car activities. But that the racy transformation was done, anyways, is just another one of the charms of this engaging, hot-headed Italian.

If you want one, don't drag your feet.

"We'll sell everyone we can get," says Ed Broadbear, VP of Marketing, Chrysler Canada. He half-jokingly added that he's got his fingers crossed that the Abarth flops in U.S., so more units can be diverted north. He's already heard from many Canadian customers who got it bad for Abarth and can't wait to get their hands on one. Its potential for future cult status has already been noted by Hagerty Insurance, who included the Fiat Abarth 500 on its current list of "Future Collector Cars Under \$100,000."



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2012 Jeep Wrangler 2-door Sport shown.



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Hyundai's Veracruz hit the Canadian market for the 2007 model year with the goal of putting an affordable luxury crossover on the scene for thousands less than a comparable machine from Germany or Japan.

As the range-topping ute from the Korean automaker, Veracruz offered up top levels of comfort and style, alongside a competitive warranty and honest pricing.

Most X5 and ML shoppers weren't likely cross-shopping Hyundai dealers — though the Veracruz effectively put a world-class crossover within reach of many Canadians.



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Engine

All models got a 3.8-litre V6 with 260 horsepower and a six-speed automatic transmission. Most had AWD, though a lower-priced, front-drive Veracruz was available — depending on the year.

What Owners Like

Owners say a combination of quality, styling, interior appearance, safety ratings and a great driving position attracted them to the Veracruz, while attractive pricing and Hyundai's warranty coverage helped seal the deal.

What Owners Dislike

Complaints include limited third-row seating space, which is a standard gripe in most three-row crossover models. Some owners do report a rough or jarring ride, particularly on models with larger wheels and on rougher roads.

Common Issues

Some owners have reported problems getting the keyfob to open the power tailgate, a CD player that won't eject discs, or a faulty 'resume' button for the cruise control system. Ensure these features all work properly — and check the automatic climate control, air conditioner, entertainment console, power seats and all lights, too.

Verdict

Though information is somewhat sparse, the Veracruz looks to be a solid performer with no systematic or glaring problems reported by its small but largely-happy owner community. Opt for as new and low-mileage a unit as your budget allows, maximizing your protection from Hyundai's warranty.

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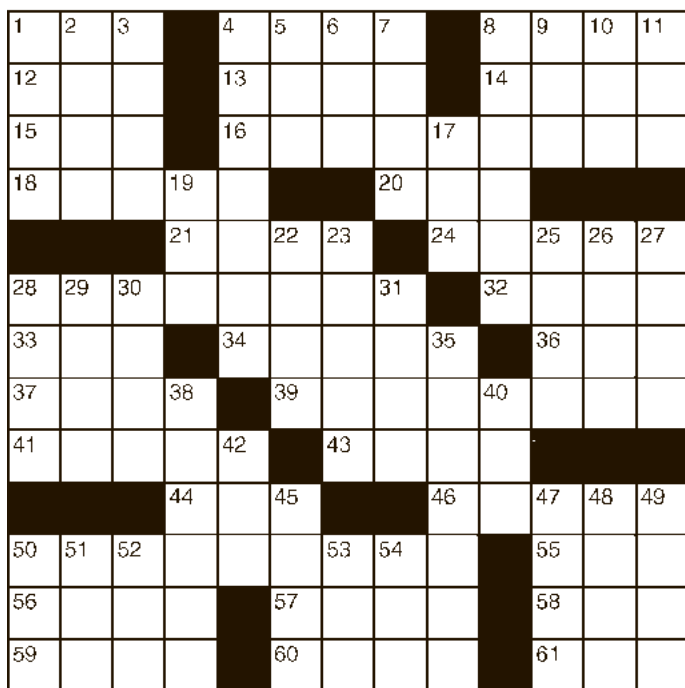
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1 Omega preceder
4 Evergreen variety
8 Gulf War missile
12 Disencumber
13 Sauce thickener
14 Heap
15 Individual
16 Form into a whole
18 Song of David
20 Demure
21 Dines on
24 Coffee option
28 Vex
32 Toss the dice
33 Ultramodernist
34 Banish
36 Dove's call
37 Hammer's target
39 Flood
41 Pie-in-the-face sound
43 Pleased
44 Flop
46 Wherewithal
50 Settle in a new country
55 "A pox upon thee!"
56 Pugilist's garment
57 MPs' quarry
58 Expert
59 Greek vowels
60 Clothing store department
61 Scarlet

Down

1 Item on stage
2 Transgressions
3 Concept
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5 Charged bit
6 Cashew or almond



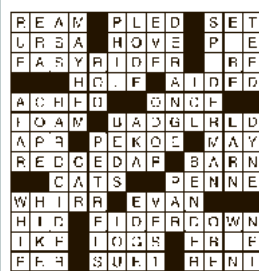
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26 Oodles
27 Ice sheet
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29 Harvest
30 Stir up
31 Hebrew month
35 Paint store choices
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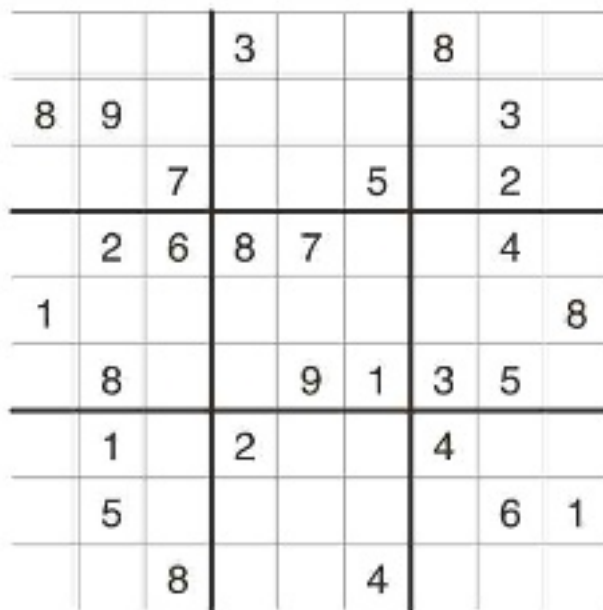
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Yesterday's answer

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4	7	2	3	8	5	9	6	1
9	1	6	2	4	7	3	5	8
5	3	8	6	1	8	7	4	2
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Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

Try not to get emotional today — and under no circumstances get emotional about money or material things.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

The planets indicate that if you focus your mind on positive things, negative will cease to exist.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

You may suffer some kind of setback today but the thing to remember is that in the greater scheme of things, it is minor.

♊ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

Wishful thinking seems to be a bit of a problem for you at the moment. Stop living in your head.

♊ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

Don't rush into a new situation today. Take your time and get a feel for what it's about then make your play based on your instincts.

♊ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. If you have your doubts about something then you must speak up, even if you risk annoying people higher up the pecking order.

♊ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

Do something irrational and outrageous, something that gets tongues wagging.

♊ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. If a relationship has not been going well of late, now is the time to kiss and make up. Make it a sizzler.

♊ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

Someone wants to repay you for a favour or several favours you did for them a while back.

♊ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20.

Creatively and romantically, this is quite possibly one of the very best days of the year so far.

♊ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18.

You won't be interested in work, but certain tasks still need to be finished. Do whatever it takes to get others to do things for you.

♊ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

You know a good thing when you see one and what you are looking at now is as good as it gets.

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Send a kiss

• Honey Bee.

We both have wings but yet the wind blows Different ways for us. Miss you so much but your sting hurts to much...Can't wait no more for the rose.. XOOX bye bye Honey Bee,your Angel always

• **Ross.** You know you're the best thing that's happened to me in this city. I would never wanna let you go, and I'll happily wait for the time when you express your love for me. P.S. You're an awesome cook. xoxoxo From Jellybean

• **My Husband.** I see you on here & you will get caught this time. I will not come back why do you play with my heart take me for granted? forever forever what a joke you are. your wife

• **My Ladies.** I know u find me resistable but i just wanted u to know that i am still counting on the day u make me lemon loaf. Please yodel for me my lady From Lavergne

• **Confuse Anything.** my mind & body hasn't fully restored itself from last 2 weeks. I'm recovering...Pls be. From mm



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